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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Philadelphia, prices were lower on all sizes. In Florida, prices were lower on extra large and large, but unchanged on the remainder of eggs. However, in Boston, prices were higher on the heavier weights and unchanged on mediums. In most other locations, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies of white eggs were adequate to available and brown eggs were very tight. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate and demand was fair. Light type hens were sufficient for needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3.5 cents lower on mediums; however, in Boston, prices were unchanged to 6 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums, based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were 3 cents higher for jumbo and extra large, 2 cents higher for large, and unchanged on the smaller sizes. The market tone was generally steady for white eggs and steady to fully steady for browns. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best into retail features. Supplies of white eggs were adequate to available and brown eggs were very tight. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the fair demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to fairly good, best where retail items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand centered around immediate needs and most breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production and were not actively seeking additional heavy nest runs. Offerings at least adequate. Finished product movement was rated as quiet. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all outlets ranged from light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies fully adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Florida, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. However, prices were unchanged in Atlanta when based on previous week price levels. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were generally adequate for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 19, 2001 was 68.40 cents, 13.88 cents less than the week before, but 7.16 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 15%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings in close balance and held confidently.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	63-66
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	62-63
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	58-59
Jackson (1)	72-73	71-72	67-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-83	67-81	59-73
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	52-57
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	48-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-65	58-63	49-55
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	52-59
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	76-79	73-75	65-67
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	91	87
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in close balance. Small invoice price 67. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	112		
EXTRA LARGE	99		
LARGE	91		
MEDIUM	87		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	209-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 26, 2001 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 19, 2001 were 283,045 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
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Cases purchased present week.....	253,879	29,166	283,045
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% change from the prior week.....	+6	-15	+3
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand centered around immediate needs and most breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production and were not actively seeking additional heavy nest runs. Offerings at least adequate. Finished product movement was rated as quiet. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-38	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-23	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for sales needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-12	7-9	8.29

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-11	6.5-9	7.94

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT
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\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Jan 22,2001**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	17.4	5.6	11.8	9.6	54.0
	Change	0.8	-7.6	0.4	-0.3	1.3	-9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.6	52.5	8.6	25.7	19.3	130.7
	Change	-1.4	0.4	-3.6	-1.6	-0.9	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	42.4	100.5	43.7	64.0	83.9	334.5
	Change	-0.9	-12.9	-8.5	0.6	9.3	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	26.8	15.8	17.6	18.3	89.3
	Change	0.7	-0.2	1.7	1.8	0.9	6%
Small	Curr Wk	5.9	5.3	4.2	5.6	5.3	26.3
	Change	1.5	-0.1	-0.7	-2.2	0.5	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	18.0	7.6	9.0	4.6	45.2
	Change	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	-2.8	1.2	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	39.8	56.7	20.4	27.1	35.3	179.3
	Change	7.7	-13.1	-1.1	6.1	-0.1	0%
Total	Curr Wk	139.1	277.2	105.9	160.8	176.3	859.3
Percent	Change	6%	-11%	-10%	1%	7%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	859.3	-3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	384.2	-3%	39
Total Shell Egg	1243.5	-3%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 09, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	172	163	111

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 09, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 19, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 28.00**FUTURE LOADS** 34.50**TOTAL LOADS** 62.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	43.50	45.00	43.00	—	16.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	55.25	4.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		GNR W 3	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W J	58.00	—	—	—	—	68.00	1.00	
GL W XL	—	57.00	—	—	44.55	—	7.50		GL W XL	47.80	—	—	—	—	56.84	6.25	
GL W LG	—	56.00	51.00	53.00	46.32	—	14.00		GL W LG	44.86	52.50	—	—	63.00	55.03	10.25	
GL W MD	—	—	41.67	46.00	41.00	—	5.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	59.00	51.67	2.25	
GL W SM	—	—	28.00	30.00	—	—	1.00		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	46.00	48.00	.25	
GL BR XL	83.50	—	—	88.00	—	—	.75										
GL BR LG	81.50	—	—	86.00	—	—	.50										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	4.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/15/01-01/19/01**CURRENT LOADS** 124.75**FUTURE LOADS** 76.25**TOTAL LOADS** 201.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	44.38	51.20	44.50	46.00	45.67	42.00	37.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	55.25	4.00	
GNR W 2	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	6.00		GNR W 2	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	29.00	38.88	36.75	7.00		GNR W 3	—	45.33	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.00	—	1.00		GNR W 4	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W J	—	—	57.30	59.20	52.00	—	2.25		GL W J	57.14	—	—	—	—	65.27	2.75	
GL W XL	43.50	53.44	53.00	54.90	46.64	—	23.25		GL W XL	47.80	49.00	—	—	39.25	55.21	13.00	
GL W LG	—	55.36	50.80	52.80	43.97	—	35.00		GL W LG	44.86	51.20	—	—	59.00	55.03	20.25	
GL W MD	—	50.67	42.80	46.00	41.78	—	15.25		GL W MD	44.00	—	44.75	—	59.00	51.26	9.50	
GL W SM	27.25	30.50	31.25	32.75	27.00	—	5.00		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	46.00	37.33	2.25	
GL BR XL	83.50	—	—	88.00	—	—	.75										
GL BR LG	81.50	—	—	86.00	—	—	.50										
GL BR MD	—	—	63.00	65.00	—	—	.50										
NRBS - 50	—	—	43.50	45.00	—	38.75	10.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	—	32.41	36.33	35.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	4.25										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/07/01 - 01/13/01**

Origin State	CO	IA	MD	MN	MO	NC	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,700	0	0	0	0	561	0	0	0	0	2,261
C. CA	0	642	0	725	0	0	60	850	1,500	576	0	4,353
S. CA	2,590	7,501	850	10,417	850	300	0	0	1,794	0	2,430	26,732
TOTAL STATE	2,590	9,843	850	11,142	850	300	621	850	3,294	576	2,430	33,346

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
130-133	100-103	90-93	60-63	21-24

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	46-51	30-34

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-42	31-33	13-15

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
79.27	78.27	74.27	52.27

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/15/01	01/08/01	1/17/00
PACIFIC COAST	116	134	109
LOS ANGELES	87	92	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 01/07/01-01/13/01

30-dozen cases 3,953

Receipts from the mainland: 12/31/00-01/08/01

30-dozen cases 3,322

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